

**CHAPTER NO. 56**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1232**

**By Representative Odom**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 239**

**By Senators Kurita, Burks**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201, relative to hospice services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(26), is amended by deleting the punctuation “,” at the end of that subdivision and by substituting instead the following language:

. Hospice services may be provided in an area designated by a hospital for exclusive use by a home care organization certified as a hospice provider to provide care at the hospice inpatient or respite level of care in accordance with the hospice's Medicare certification. Admission to the hospital is not required in order for a patient to receive such hospice services, regardless of the patient's length of stay. The designation by a hospital of a portion of its facility for exclusive use by a home care organization to provide hospice services to its patients shall not (a) alter the license to bed complement of such hospital or (b) result in the establishment of a residential hospice;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 28, 2005

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR